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| In re Reissue Application of |) | |
| Hiroshi GOTO et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 2111 |
| Patent No. 5,790,272 |) | |
| Application No.: Unassigned |) | Examiner: D. Jardieu |
| Filed: October 17, 1994 |) | |
| For: MULTI-TONE IMAGE |) | |
| PROCESSING METHOD |) | |
| AND APPARATUS |) | |

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, Hiroshi Goto and Satoshi Deishi, hereby declare as follows:

(1) We are citizens of Japan, having a post office address of c/o Minolta Co., Ltd.; Osaka Kokusai Bldg., 3-13; 2-Chome, Azuchi-Machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan.

(2) We believe that we are the original, first inventors of the invention described and claimed in the United States Patent No. 5,790,272 and in the specification and the claims of the Reissue Application filed herewith.

(3) We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and the claims of the Reissue Application.

(4) We hereby claim the benefit of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 with respect to Japanese Patent Application No. 5-259691, filed on October 18, 1993.

(5) We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that we are aware of which is material to the examination of this Reissue Application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

(6) We believe the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent. Specifically, Applicants failed to include the subject matter of claims 29-36 which are included in this reissue application. In addition, claim 24 includes an error at line 10 of the printed patent, wherein the term "lighter" should have been "darker". And, claims 1-16 and 25-28 are canceled.

(7) All errors which are being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing of the declaration arose without any deceptive intent on the part of the Applicants.

(8) The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein are of our own knowledge and are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may

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CONSENT OF THE ASSIGNEE


Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Minolta Co. Ltd., assignee of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,272,
consents to the filing of the present reissue application for
reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,272.

Minolta Co. Ltd.

By: _____


Mr. Osamu KANAYA
President
Minolta Co., Ltd.

Date: _____

Mar. 25. 1999.

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OFFER TO SURRENDER U.S. PATENT NO. 5,790,272

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Minolta Co. Ltd. is the assignee of the entire interest in U.S. Patent No. 5,790,272, and hereby offers to surrender U.S. Patent No. 5,790,272. A certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is attached.

I am authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the likes so made are punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity

